

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and add new Claims 18 to 30, as follows:

Claims 1 to 17 (Cancelled).

18. (New) An electronic apparatus for use with an image pickup device, comprising:

a memory which stores an image file corresponding to an image picked up by the image pickup device, and data which indicates that the image file has previously undergone transfer thereof from the memory to a different storing area or that the image file has not yet undergone the transfer thereof; and

a control device that controls transfer of the image file from the memory to a different storing area and rewrites the data in accordance with the transfer of the image file.

19. (New) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 18, further comprising:

notification means for notifying a user whether or not the image file stored in the memory previously has been transferred from the memory to the different storing area in accordance with the data attached to the image file.

20. (New) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the different storing area is in an external storage apparatus.

21. (New) A data control method for use with an image pickup device, comprising:

a storing step of storing in a memory an image file corresponding to an image picked up by the image pickup device, and data which indicated that the image file has previously undergone transfer thereof from the memory to a different storing area or that the image file has not yet undergone the transfer thereof; and

a control step of transferring the image file from the memory to a different storing area and rewriting the data in accordance with the transfer of the image file.

22. (New) A method according to Claim 21, further comprising:

a notification step of notifying a user whether or not the image file stored in the memory previously has been transferred from the memory to the different storing area, in accordance with the data attached to the image file.

23. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the different storing area is in an external storage apparatus.

24. (New) An electronic apparatus which processes an image file, comprising:

a memory device that controls a memory which stores an image file corresponding to an image picked up by an image pickup device, and data which indicates that the image file has previously undergone transfer thereof from the memory to a different storing area or that the image file has not yet undergone the transfer thereof; and

a control device that controls transfer of the image file from the memory to a different storing area and rewrites the data in accordance with the transfer of the image file.

25. (New) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 24, further comprising:

a notification device that notifies a user whether or not the image file stored in the memory previously has been transferred from the memory to the different storing area in accordance with the data attached to the image file.

26. (New) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the different storing area is an external storing apparatus.

27. (New) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the electronic apparatus includes the image pickup device.

28. (New) A data control method for processing an image file, comprising:

a storing step of storing in a memory an image file corresponding to an image picked up by an image pickup device and data which indicates that the image file has previously undergone transfer thereof from the memory to a different storing area or that the image file has not yet undergone the transfer thereof; and

a control step of controlling transfer of the image file from the memory to a different storing area and rewriting the data in accordance with the transfer of the image file.

29. (New) A method according to Claim 28, further comprising:

a notification step of notifying a user whether or not the image file stored in the memory previously has been transferred from the memory to the different storing area, in accordance with the data attached to the image file.

30. (New) A method according to Claim 29, wherein the different storing area is an external storage apparatus.